

5942. Misbranding of "Colfax Mineral Water." U. S. * * * v. William C. Crisman and Cyrus W. Crisman (Colfax Bottling Works). Pleas of guilty. Fine, \$50 and costs. (F. & D. No. 8204. I. S. No. 11109-m.)

On May 29, 1917, the United States attorney for the Southern District of Iowa, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against William C. Crisman and Cyrus W. Crisman, trading as The Colfax Bottling Works, Colfax, Iowa, alleging shipment by said defendants, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, as amended, on or about June 26, 1916, from the State of Iowa into the State of Illinois, of a quantity of an article labeled in part, "Original Colfax Mineral Water," which was misbranded.

Analysis of a sample of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed the following results:

Ions.	Milligrams per liter.
Silica (SiO_2)-----	27.6
Sulphuric acid (SO_4)-----	1,510.0
Bicarbonic acid (HCO_3)-----	266.5
Nitric acid (NO_3)-----	8.8
Chlorin (Cl)-----	30.0
Calcium (Ca)-----	189.0
Magnesium (Mg)-----	90.2
Sodium (Na) and Potassium (K), by difference-----	458.6

2,580.7

Hypothetical combinations.	Milligrams per liter.	Grains per U. S. gallon.
Sodium nitrate (NaNO_3)-----	12.0	0.70
Sodium chlorid (NaCl)-----	49.5	2.89
Sodium sulphate (Na_2SO_4)-----	1,346.3	78.64
Magnesium sulphate (MgSO_4)-----	446.5	26.08
Calcium sulphate (CaSO_4)-----	344.8	20.14
Calcium bicarbonate ($\text{Ca}(\text{HCO}_3)_2$)-----	354.0	20.68
Silica (SiO_2)-----	27.6	1.61
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It was alleged in substance in the information that the article was misbranded for the reason that certain statements appearing on the label falsely and fraudulently represented it as a remedy and treatment for rheumatism, dyspepsia, and all disorders of the stomach, liver, and kidneys, whereas, in truth and in fact, it was not.

On December 19, 1917 the defendants entered pleas of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$50 and costs.

C. F. MARVIN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*